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### **AG Frosh Responds To Supreme Court Decision To Stay Clean Power Plan**

**Baltimore, MD (February 10, 2016)** --Attorney General Brian E. Frosh released the following statement today, in conjunction with representatives of a group of states and localities working in support of the EPA's Clean Power Plan:

"We are confident that once the courts have fully reviewed the merits of the Clean Power Plan, it will be upheld as lawful under the Clean Air Act. Our coalition of states and local governments will continue to vigorously defend the Clean Power Plan - which is critical to ensuring that necessary progress is made in confronting climate change."

Attorney General Frosh announced in November 2015 that he had joined 16 other states, the District of Columbia and some of the nation's largest cities in support of the Obama administration's plan to combat climate change by reducing carbon emissions from power plants.

In August 2015, the White House unveiled the Clean Power plan as a centerpiece of national efforts to combat climate change. The plan would reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 32 percent by 2030, and increase the proportion of power generated by renewable sources such as wind and solar to 21 percent, up from 12 percent.

Maryland is in the midst of its own plan to reduce greenhouse gases. As a member of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Maryland and neighboring states are on track to meet the objectives of the Clean Power Plan. The initiative is a partnership which includes Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Each of those states is part of the legal effort to uphold the EPA rules.

Attorney General Frosh said all states and municipalities must work together to prevent the impacts of climate change, and to create a clean energy future where solar, wind and other renewable power sources are ascendant.